

REMARKS

This Amendment is prepared in response to the final Office action mailed on 19 January 2005 (Paper No. 01182005).

Applicants are pleased to note that claims 4-7, 10, 15-18, 22, 26, 28-35, and 37 have been considered to be allowable over the prior art by the Examiner.

By this Amendment After Final, claims 36 and 38 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter, and claims 15 and 22 have been amended. Thus, claims 4-8, 10, 15-18, 22, 26, 28-35, and 37 are pending in this application.

Claims 36 and 38 have been variously rejected for the reasons noted in sections 3-10 on pages 2-8 of the Final Office Action. While not necessarily acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection of these claims, for the purpose of expediency, claims 36 and 38 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter and claims 15 and 22, which dependent upon claims 36 and 38, have been rewritten in independent form.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims now present the application are patentable over the prior art and should therefore now be in a condition suitable for allowance.

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon all of the claims now pending in the application is respectfully requested. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment After Final.

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